

recordkeeping, retention, and reporting requirements of §§ 501.601 and 501.602.

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§ 560.534 Importation into the United States of, and dealings in, certain foodstuffs and carpets authorized.

(a) The importation into the United States, from Iran or a third country, of the following goods of Iranian-origin is authorized:

(1) Foodstuffs intended for human consumption that are classified under chapters 2-23 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States;

(2) Carpets and other textile floor coverings and carpets used as wall hangings that are classified under chapter 57 or heading 9706.00.0060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

(b) United States persons, wherever located, are authorized to engage in transactions or dealings in or related to the categories of Iranian-origin goods described in paragraph (a) of this section, provided that the transaction or dealing does not involve or relate to goods, technology, or services for exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, to Iran or the Government of Iran, other than services described in § 560.405 ("Transactions incidental to a licensed transaction authorized").

(c) This section does not affect any open enforcement action initiated by the U.S. Government prior to April 28, 2000, or any seizure, forfeiture, penalty, or liquidated damages case that is considered closed in accordance with Customs or other agency regulations. This section also does not authorize the importation into the United States of goods that are under seizure or detention by U.S. Customs officials pursuant to Customs laws or other applicable provisions of law, until any applicable penalties, charges, duties, or other conditions are satisfied. This section does not authorize importation into the United States of goods for which forfeiture proceedings have commenced or of goods that have been forfeited to the U.S. Government, other than through Customs disposition by selling at auction.

(d) Iranian accounts. Nothing in this section authorizes a debit or credit to an account of a person located in Iran or of the Government of Iran maintained on the books of a U.S. depository institution.

(e) Examples. The following are examples of transactions permitted under this section:

(1) A United States person living abroad is permitted to purchase or sell an Iranian-origin carpet, as long as the sale is not to Iran or the Government of Iran.

(2) A United States person may process a documentary collection relating to the importation into the United States of Iranian-origin pistachios, but payment under the documentary collection may not involve the crediting of an account of a person located in Iran or of the Government of Iran maintained on the books of a U.S. depository institution.

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§ 560.535 Letters of credit and brokering services relating to certain foodstuffs and carpets.

(a) Purchases from Iran or the Government of Iran. United States depository institutions are authorized to issue letters of credit in favor of a beneficiary in Iran or the Government of Iran to pay for purchases from Iran or the Government of Iran of the categories of Iranian-origin goods described in § 560.534(a), provided that such letters of credit are not advised, negotiated, paid, or confirmed by the Government of Iran.

(b) Transactions or dealings in Iranian-origin goods other than purchases from Iran or the Government of Iran. United States depository institutions are authorized to issue, advise, negotiate, pay, or confirm letters of credit to pay for transactions in or related to the categories of Iranian-origin goods described in § 560.534(a), other than purchases from Iran or the Government of Iran, provided that such letters of credit are not issued, advised, negotiated, paid, or confirmed by the Government of Iran.

(c) Brokering. United States persons, wherever located, are authorized to act as brokers for the purchase or sale of the categories of Iranian-origin goods